Appointing judges court

416. SHRI S. S. SURJEWALA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to start Indian Judicial Service on the Pattern of IAS, etc. if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the constitution Article 124(3)(C) provides that Government may appoint to the judgeship directly in the Supreme Court;

(c) if so, the manner of appointing judges under this provision;

(d) whether this provision is not applicable at High Courts;

(e) the reasons for keeping this provision in abeyance if this provision is not utilised at Supreme Court level; and

(f) whether Government propose to extend this provision upto Judges direct appointment in the High courts and District Courts also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The matter relating to setting up of an All India Judicial Service is being examined by the Government of India on the basis of the Judgement delivered by the Supreme Court on 24.8.1993 in the Review Petition filed by the Union of India in the matter of All India Judge's Association Vs. Union of India & Others.

(b) to (f) Appointment of Judges of the Supreme Court are made in terms of Article 124 of the Constitution of India Article 124(3) provides that a person shall not be qualified for appointment as a Judge of the Supreme Court unless he is a citizen of India and—

(i) has been for atleast 5 years a Judge of a High Court or of two or more such Courts in succession; or

(ii) has been for atleast 10 years an advocate of a High Court or of two or more such courts in succession; or

(iii) Is, in the opinion of the President a distinguished jurist.

On a few occasions in the past appointment of Judges in the Supreme Court were made direct from the Bar.

Appointment of Judges|Additional Judges of the High Courts are made in terms of Articles 217 and 224 of the Constitution of India. Article 217(2) of the Constitution of India provides that a person shall not be qualified for appointment as a Judge of a High Court unless he is a citizen of India and—

(i) has for atleast ten years held a Judicial Office in the territory of India; or

(ii) has for atleast ten years been an advocate of a High Court or of two or more such Courts in succession.

Setting up of solar power plant in Orissa

417. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up some Solar Power Plants in Orissa during Eighth Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, the steps taken in that direction; and

(c) what are the other States where Solar Power Plants are proposed to be set up during the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Five decentralised Solar Photovoltaic Power Plants aggregatting to a capacity of 34 KW have